

Racetrack project moves into home streets

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The next furlong in the race to obtain the only racetrack license in the Metropolitan Detroit area began Tuesday, as officials from Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC) went before the Office of the Racing Commissioner (ORC) at a public hearing.

The hearing took place at the Michigan State Fair grounds and gave the four applicants for the single license the opportunity to display their plans and ideas.

Jim McAlpine, president and CEO of Magna, the parent company of MEC, presented the company's vision of what the proposed Michigan Downs project could bring to both Romulus and all of southeastern Michigan.

Proposed is a \$100 million development, Michigan Downs on a 200-acre site located on the northeast corner of Vining and Wick that includes a racetrack and clubhouse, and ultimately, a regional retail center and movie theater. The company spent \$28 million for the property.

It has been estimated by MEC that track and retail portion of the Michigan Downs project would create \$70 million in direct tax revenues for the city during a 12-

Magna representative John Truscott said at that time that Magna estimated that the development would bring about 3,300 jobs to the city, 1,200 of those at the racetrack.

year period, as well as \$10 million in breakage funds.

Romulus residents approved development of the track last year during a Dec. 2 special election.

Magna representative John Truscott said at that time that Magna estimated that the development would bring about 3,300 jobs to the city, 1,200 of those at the racetrack.

McAlpine said during his presentation to the panel that Michigan Downs would bring world-wide exposure to Romulus, a city that he said was an attractive location for a thoroughbred racetrack, because of its close proximity to an international airport, compatible zoning laws and the growth possibilities in the city.

McAlpine reminded the panel that the MEC-proposed Michigan Downs project is the only one of the four pro-

posed that have already received site plan and special use approval from the city in which it will be located.

He said that MEC is currently at the building permit stage and that cannot happen until the track license is received from the ORC.

Along with McAlpine, others in favor of the Michigan Downs project came forward to speak on behalf of MEC.

Rob Miller, the president of the Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (HBPA) said that the future of Michigan racing should be with an organization that is interested in racing.

Miller also said that there would be no future for the Michigan racing industry without the MEC project.

"These are people we need," said Miller.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert told the members of ORC that the citizens of Romulus voted for this particular racetrack and that the project has the full support of Romulus city officials.

Ron Moran, the president of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce, which includes more than 1200 businesses in the downriver area, also

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All lit up

The annual Pumpkin Festival went off without a hitch last weekend as thousands of residents and visitors to the city made their way to the downtown area for the festivities. The festival included the Parade of Lights, three days of entertainment, fundraisers and more than 80 craft vendors lined up Goddard Road.

High school participates in D.A.R.E. program review

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Romulus High School recently received a visit from four officials from the University of Akron and they weren't empty handed.

They were carrying a check for \$500 to present to Principal Dan Hurst as a thank you for helping the university conduct a nationwide Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program review.

D.A.R.E. is a collaborative program in which law enforcement departments and schools join together to educate students about the personal and social consequences of substance abuse and violence. The D.A.R.E. curriculum is designed to be delivered sequentially from grades K-12. First developed in 1983, D.A.R.E. has undergone multiple revisions as

research findings increase knowledge of effective substance abuse prevention among school-aged youth, according to D.A.R.E. officials.

The national program review involves 84 schools, with half of the schools in an "experimental group" and the other half in a "control group." Romulus High School is a part of the control group, which

teaches the traditional D.A.R.E. program instruction. The experimental group is given a different type of instruction and the results are compared to see which type of new instruction is most effective.

Students were asked to fill out voluntary surveys last year to see how much they had retained from the instructions given to them during the program.

Dave Stanifer, the D.A.R.E. program coordinator at the University of Akron, said the Romulus High School students showed excellent results on their surveys.

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Hurst said he was proud of his students' results on their surveys and also noted the positive nature of the entire

Romulus High School student body.

Hurst also said that students and their parents are initially contacted about their willingness to complete the anonymous surveys. Only students that agree to take the survey and who have parental permission to fill out the questionnaire are able to participate in the review.

'Get Healthy, Get Moving' program to continue

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Staff Writer

In just five short months, Romulus has made a change for the better.

It can't be seen in the roads or the buildings, but the improvements can be seen in the people who reside here, according to

Gina Wilson, executive director of the PEN Enrichment Community Center.

"People in the city look healthier than they did at the beginning of the summer," said Wilson. "And that is because people have become more aware of what is healthy and what is not."

The summer of 2004 was the

"Get Moving, Get Healthy" summer in Romulus. The program, which began with a health fair in May, came to an end during the annual Pumpkin Festival last week.

Throughout the summer, participants have attended work-

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Belleville, Romulus join forces for business expo

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Business leaders and owners in Belleville and Romulus will join forces today to highlight area goods and services.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host their first ever-joint customer service workshop and business expo today at the Best Western Hotel, 9191 Wickham in Romulus.

The customer service workshop will take place from 8-11:30 a.m. with the business expo to follow from 1-3:30 p.m. at the hotel. Tickets for the customer service workshop are \$65 for chamber members and include a continen-

tal breakfast. Admission for the expo is free and is open to all area businesses and the public.

Janet Millard, executive director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, said that this joint event offers the public a better chance to see what the Belleville and Romulus area businesses have to offer.

"Doing this event with Romulus is something that is long overdue," said Millard. "This is a good opportunity to reach new people because our local businesses want and need more contacts."

Karen Label, director of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, said that she is also hoping to generate more chamber members.

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bor, it gives us the opportunity to network outside of the Romulus area," she said. "It's great to get the word out there, get the businesses out there, and get the people out there to meet, mingle and share their goods and services."

The day will begin with customer service lessons that cover topics like service mistakes, service details, critical elements to achieving excellence, how to handle problems and complaints and

communication techniques. Participants will also discover the "magic words" that businesses love, the secrets of the "premier companies" and how to identify, meet and exceed customer expectations, according to Millard.

"People will get to take the best of Disney, Nordstroms and other customer service organizations' personal experience in customer service," she said.

At 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. a buffet lunch will be served. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.

After lunch, the mini-expo will begin at 1 p.m. The expo will include: Eastern Michigan University, A Design Line Embroidery from Belleville, Wolverine from Belleville,

Loranger Family Chiropractic Center PC from Belleville, Sylvan Learning Center, National City Bank, EA Smith Locksmithing and Carpentry from Belleville, Carriage House Promotions from Belleville, Bovitz and Co. CPA from Trenton, Detroit Metro Airport Marriott, Detroit Metro Connections from Southgate McDonagh's Paint and Design from Taylor, Jack Demmer Automotive from Wayne, Goodwin Lademan and Associates from Taylor, Top Flight Financial from Romulus and Starlight Entertainment and Limousine from Romulus.

"It's a lot of fun to work with Belleville," said Label. "I would imagine that we would be doing this again."

Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club to host Reality Store

The Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club will host the Reality Store to help eighth grade students learn the basic skills in financial planning, decision-making and career planning.

The store will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at North

Middle School in Belleville. The basic premise is that the student is 25 years old and is employed in the career they have chosen. They are assigned their marital status and the number of dependents they have. Students then move from station to station to pay for food, clothing and insurance. In

addition, students receive a 'reality check' when they select a slip providing one of life's little surprises including a small check or a large dental bill.

The women's club is looking

for volunteers to help the students as they move through out their stations.

For more information contact one Gwentyth Ashe at 734-699-6970, or Char Nichols at 734-699-3409.

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Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting Assessment District

Charter Township of Van Buren
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE PINE FOREST SUBDIVISION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Treasurer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by the Township covering all properties within the Special Assessment District for the Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting Assessment District benefited by the street lighting project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the construction of the street lighting and work incidental thereto with the aforesaid Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting Assessment District as more particularly shown on the plans by the DTE Energy Company on file with the Township Clerk at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, which assessment is in the total of \$4.52 / year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Treasurer has further reported that the assessment against each and every parcel of land within said District, will be equal and the same for each and every lot in the Special Assessment District for the Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on October 5, 2004 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Joannie D. Payne
Township Clerk
46425 Tyler Road
Belleville, MI 48111

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN-WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 4, 2004 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and for warding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

JOANNIE D. PAYNE, CLERK
734.699.8909
46425 TYLER RD.
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 2, 2004 Election is Saturday, October 30, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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Resident pursues dream of music

Andrea King
Staff Writer



April Gibson

April Gibson of Belleville has learned one of the most important lessons yet—"Carpe Diem."

"I enjoy being alive to seize the moment," she said.

And seizing the moment, she is.

Gibson has already accomplished many of her professional goals. She's sung at Carnegie Hall in New York, in Broadway performances at the Masonic Temple, and on the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train as well as numerous area festivals, fairs, radio stations and television shows.

Gibson expresses a rather relaxed attitude about her professional career.

"If it happens, it happens," she said.

But her fans could never tell her laid back attitude from listening to her classic and contemporary country style singing.

Gibson began singing classical music, but soon swayed her way to hit high notes in Broadway, easy listening, and adult contemporary to her main focus—country.

"I like country. It's great music and great lyrics. I think there are many songs that give positive messages that anyone can listen to," she said. "I soon realized that more and more people have become interested in country music."

Good news for Gibson.

Her musical influences—Faith Hill and Martina McBride—inspire her to give back to the community. She said it's not always about a career—it's about giving back. She routinely shares her vocal gift with patients at Children's Hospital, which she said, she started doing about 7 years ago.

"It's inspiring to see the kids who are coping with an illness have their face light up when they see you," she said. "If I'm

singing and I can make one person smile, then I've accomplished my goal."

Gibson also sings every year at the Detroit Festival of Trees, where the trees and entertainment are done on a volunteer basis. She knows the proceeds are going back to the children.

Currently, fans will find Gibson performing with another well-known country singer—Austin Scott of Redford. Gibson's mother, Carla, introduced the two, mixing together one's smooth-country vocals with the other's cool-country style.

"We started off with patriotic songs at the Belleville National Strawberry Festival. What began as one song has grown to 18 songs, and we're expanding every day," she said.

Gibson said that most of the songs they perform are originals by Scott. Both Gibson and Scott have their own demo CDs, and Gibson hopes to have her own CD someday.

"If the CD happens, or a label happens, it happens," she said. "I would definitely like it to, but it is something that most people work very hard for. I would like to sing for the rest of my life. I definitely see music in my future."

Gibson thanks her specialty song—the national anthem—for giving her other opportunities.

"I don't know who gave me that title, but I feel very proud for people to say that about me," she said. "It's such a great thrill."

Her first big performance was at the Pontiac Silverdome where she sang for crowds of more than 60,000 people.

"One of my biggest fears is to forget the words of a song. At that performance, the lights came on, and I looked out into the audience and I was so nervous, I actually forgot the first part of the national anthem," she said. "Once I got going I was fine. It was moving."

When she's not taking the stage musically, Gibson is dividing her time between family, friends, work and free time. She said that she recently got engaged, and is excited to start a family of her own.

"I want to have a few kids, and hopefully they will enjoy music as much as I do," she said.

For now, Gibson is working on booking shows for the Christmas season and the upcoming festivals. Her goal is to have a slew of performances for next year, she said.

Upcoming performances for Gibson and Scott include the boot sale at the Scott Colburn's Western Wear Store in Livonia on Sept. 19 and the Clinton Fall Festival on Sept. 24.

In the meantime, Gibson warms up her vocals in Brighton where she and Scott go for jam sessions at a local bar.

"I feel good singing country, which is why I started doing it. Once it stops being fun, that's when I'm going to stop singing," she added.

More information about April Gibson can be found at www.detroitcountrymusic.com. Copies of her demo can also be heard on the website.

To receive emails about upcoming shows, click on her buddy list to add your email address.

Last day to register to vote quickly approaching

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

There are only six weeks to go until Election Day 2004.

Residents still have time to decide who to vote for, but time is running out to register to vote.

"Voting is something that every resident should take advantage of," said Mayor Alan

Lambert. "It is a right that we have and it is the only way to change things we may not like about our government."

Residents have until Monday, Oct. 4 to register to vote in the general election, Nov. 2.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. For more information call the city clerk's office at (734) 942-7540.

Racetrack

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spoke of their unanimous support of the project as did Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Ficano said that the Michigan Downs project was in the best interest of the county and its residents, because of the hundreds of new jobs it will create, as well as the revenue it will pump into southeastern Michigan.

McAlpine also told the ORC that MEC is the only applicant that is "consistently willing to build with or without slot machines."

There are seven operational racetracks within the State of Michigan and there are currently four companies vying for the one remaining license that will be issued for the greater Metro Detroit area by the ORC some-

time this year.

Sam Danou, a Southeastern Michigan real estate developer, has also applied for the license to put a racetrack in either Van Buren Township or Allen Park. He owns several properties in the township, including the Northwest intersection of I-94, I-275 and Haggerty Road.

The third company seeking the license is Xanadu World/Tomby Ltd. Unlike MEC and Danou, who have had their applications into the ORC since 2002, Xanadu applied for the license on April 5, 2004 to place a racetrack at Woodward and Manchester in Highland Park. The group has no experience in the racing industry and currently owns no land on which to build the track.

Dan Barden, a former Inkster resident, also proposed a race-track in Romulus.

There is no word on when the license decision will come down from the ORC.

Program

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shops and seminars aimed at helping people get fit and stay active, according to Wilson.

Due to the increased participation during the summer, the PEN Enrichment Community Center scheduled weekly exercise classes every Tuesday to help their members stay active. The class is composed of a good workout, as well as helpful healthy nutritional hints to help participants eat healthy, according to Wilson.

"People have really become excited about being healthy here," said Wilson. "A lot of the people who started out with the program in May have really become aware of how to be healthy and then how to maintain that way of life."

The big finale of the summer program took place last weekend at the Pumpkin Festival: the final weigh-in. Wilson said the results have not yet been tabulated.

"We know that people are healthier today than they were five months ago," said Wilson. "So, we have reached our goal. We said even if we only helped two or three people become more healthy we would call it a success and we have definitely done that."

The program will also continue through the fall and winter months with quarterly seminars and weekly Tuesday exercise classes.

"We are going to do the whole thing over again next May, beginning with another health fair," said Wilson. "So, if residents didn't get a chance to participate this year, they can do it next summer."

Congressman honored with conservation award

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

A group of conservation organizations presented Congressman John Dingell (D-Dearborn Heights) with a special honor this week.

The groups selected Dingell to receive the first-ever John P. Saylor Wilderness Leadership award at a ceremony in Washington D.C.

The award is named for for-

mer Congressman John P. Saylor, a Pennsylvania Republican, who served in Congress from 1949 until his death in 1973.

Dingell was praised for his work on the Wilderness Act, as well as his efforts to protect and conserve natural resources.

The Wilderness Act, which was signed into law more than 40 years ago, created the National Wilderness Preservation System and protected the first 9 nine million acres of the

nation's public wilderness.

Since that time, the U.S. has preserved more than 106 million acres of wilderness in 44 states.

"John Saylor and I had great times working on environmental and conservation legislation together and I am proud of what we were able to accomplish," said Dingell.

"He was a great friend and legislator and I am honored to receive this award established in his name."



Stewart Udall, left, former interior secretary, Robert Redford and Congressman John D. Dingell at the National Press Club when Dingell received his environmental award.

For more information, check the fall recreation brochure online at www.vanburen-mi.org, or call the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

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OPINION

A good investment

Voters in the Van Buren Public School District will be asked to vote on the largest bond issue in their history on Tuesday.

The district has pushed a plan for a \$150 million bond issue that would pay for the construction of a new middle school, a new high school, additions to North Middle School along with improvements to the technology and infrastructure of existing schools.

The resulting tax increase, about 4.54 mills in property taxes, would result in the net increase of about \$511 annually to a homeowner with a house valued at \$225,000. That comes down to about \$43 each month, or about \$1.40 every day.

That's a large pill for many residents to swallow, but we think the work is necessary.

There's no easy way around it: these are aging schools that are over capacity and outdated. The high school alone is 78 years old, and there is only so long that such an old facility is effective. Ultimately it must be put aside for a newer, more user friendly – and larger facility.

The district, of course, won't simply shutter it. It will be transformed into South Middle School, and the current middle school will be turned into an alternative education building. We like that aspect of the plan, too. Just because a school has outlived one particular use, doesn't mean it's outgrown all potential uses.

Schools are important parts of the community. They are a large part of what brings more people into the community and how long they'll stay, and they're one of the single most important factors in the development of young people.

They are increasingly more competitive, too. Districts are competing against each other as well as charter schools to draw in students, because the more students you bring in, the more money you draw from the state, and the more programs they are able to put on. Therefore, educational options tend to increase, as well.

It's a fact that top-notch school districts are found in top notch communities. The millage may, at the surface, seem like an incredible investment, but we think that investment is a good one. Vote yes on the school bond on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Cooperation benefits city

A year ago, officials in the City of Plymouth were very concerned about the state of their budget.

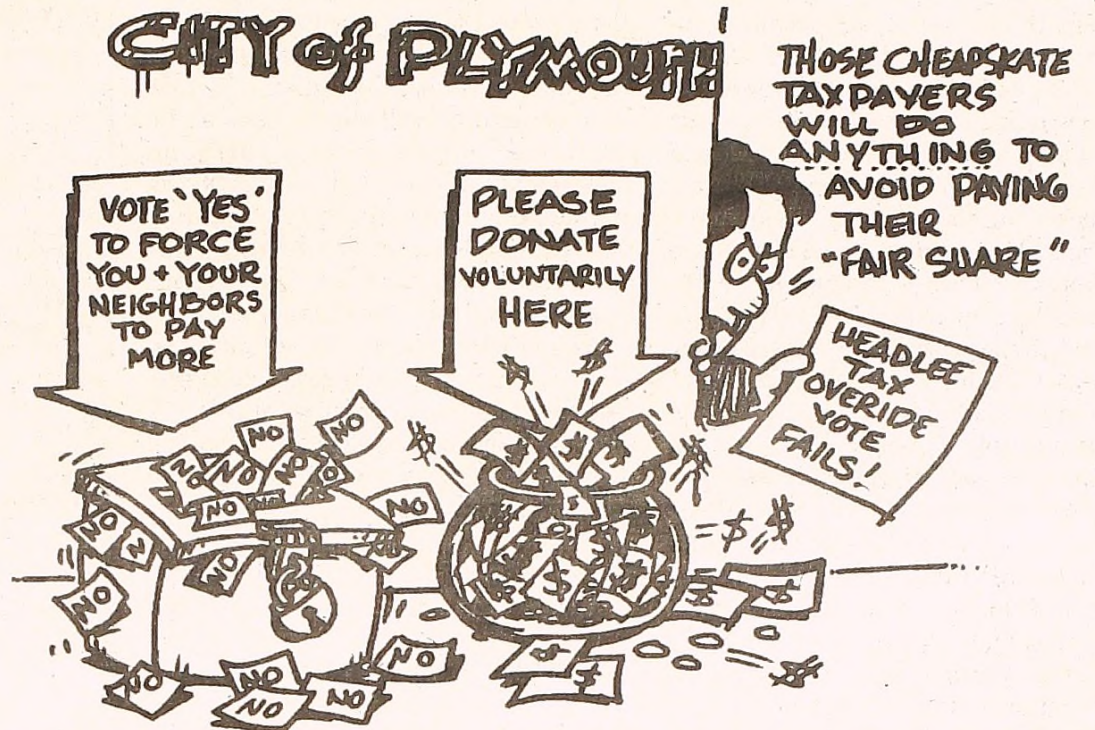
That concern had given rise to the push to ask voters to approve a Headlee override, essentially a tax increase that would have provided up to \$1.3 million for the city general fund. It would have eliminated a proposed budget deficit, at least for the short term.

Voters turned that down by a wide margin, though, and officials in the city braced for a series of belt-tightening moves the likes of which hadn't been seen before in the city.

A year later, they and the residents have reasons to be encouraged. It's not because the budget situation is any brighter; indeed, the on-going budget conflict at the state level could result in even greater cuts to state-shared revenue for all municipalities, even budget-strapped Plymouth.

But things are still getting done, and they're getting done with the help of the community. Two prime examples – the recently completed public restrooms downtown and the soon-to-be-renamed Byron-Dewey Playground – spring to mind. Both were completed without cost to taxpayers. In the restroom case, the city fronted the money, but only after they had commitments from business, service organizations and charities to fully pay for it. It's the same way The Gathering was put together.

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A good place to start

To be honest, I left the joint visioning session between the Westland City Council and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board with a vague feeling of disappointment.

I have been to many of those types of brainstorming sessions, where a facilitator solicits ideas from the crowd, writes them down and then everybody votes on them afterward. I hadn't been to one, though, where the facilitator (in this case Westland Planning Director Bruce Thompson) offered as many ideas – if not more – than the members of the two boards. It seemed to me that the meeting might have been more productive if everything had gone up on the walls, and then the voting had taken care of what was most important. The way it worked out, though, much of the meeting was almost like a reminder of what was in the DDA mission statement. I was also hoping to see more citizens come and take part. There were four, and not all of them talked.

Even so, there were plenty of positives to come out of it.

It was the first time that the two boards got together in one setting, for one thing. Everyone there was inclined to make it a more regular occurrence, and

I was also hoping to see more citizens come and take part. There were four, and not all of them talked.

that's a good thing, although if they get together too often it will probably be overkill. The DDA is – or could be – such an important part of the city that it makes perfect sense for everyone involved in the decision-making process to be on the same page, at least as far as knowing what's going on.

There were plenty of good ideas discussed, too. I particularly liked the concept of trying to foster green space along the DDA district, which stretches along Ford and Wayne roads. It's a daunting task, because it's where the prime property is in the city, but if planners could find a way to make it happen it would certainly be beneficial.

The City of Westland is like a lot of other non-traditional cities. It's difficult to develop a defined downtown center in such a sprawling community, which means it will be difficult to make

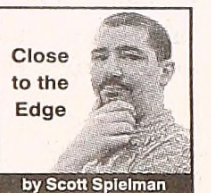
pedestrian-friendly, another goal discussed by the two boards. In that respect they'll face a challenge greater than their neighbors in the City of Wayne, which have the benefit of a defined downtown area to work with.

It was also nice to see that there was a willingness on both parties to look at using DDA funds to help improve municipal buildings within the district. In this day and age, that's really the best way to pay for them. It doesn't require taxpayer money, and it works out better for everyone.

I was surprised to see at the end of the meeting that one potential goal only had two stars next to it: encourage residential development. In most other DDA districts – places like Plymouth, Northville and Wayne – that's always a top goal; you need to have the people living nearby to develop the foot traffic to foster business development.

Of course, this was only one meeting, the first of several, and you can't solve all the problems or promote all the goals in one sitting. For now, it's just nice to know that everyone is looking ahead, and getting along well.

I'll be interested to see what comes next in the process.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Health is now a matter of choice

When it comes to health, there are many factors involved. Some we can't control.

Genetics certainly play a part. I've been blessed with good genes and good health. But it's important to remember just how much of our lives we can control to stay healthy and fit, and then just decide to do what's best for ourselves.

It all comes down to a matter of choices.

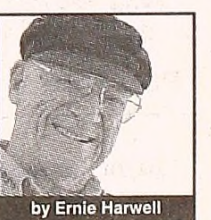
We can choose to eat junk foods, or we can choose healthy foods, lean meats, fish, fresh fruits and vegetables. I happen to like okra, but that's my choice.

When buying prepared foods, read the labels and choose foods that are low in sodium and saturated fats. Instead of watching television, we can go for a walk and breathe some fresh air to work our heart and lungs. We can stay up late or we can choose to get the right amount of sleep. Soon those choices become routine and one healthy choice will lead to another.

And remember, take care of your health before it's lonnggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four

decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



by Ernie Harwell

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Resident urges 'No' vote

To the editor;

Here they come again. And we've heard them all—"small," "slight," "minimal," "marginal," "reasonable," and, this time, we read "negligible" to describe the school millage increase we will be asked to vote on Sept. 28. They came to us for a millage to build a new high school—fine. But their planning didn't even allow for a new first-class football stadium adjacent to the school. Then, before the first classes entered the new school, they said they needed more money to build a "new" addition on it—already.

Just a couple months ago we voted in another "minimal" millage increase. How many times is "small" or "minimal" or "negligible" too much? I think this is the time and a resounding NO vote is called for Sept. 28, to put a stop to this millage(s) increase madness. We're not far from paying taxes higher than before we passed the 6 percent sales tax "to hold down" our property taxes. A NO vote will not only bring some sanity back into our taxes and spending, but should wake up our elected officials to being more responsible and accountable with our tax dollars.

Greg Arceri,
Northville

Owners thank newspaper

To the editor;

We would like to thank you for your support and comments.

From the exposure of your newspaper, we were overwhelmed with positive support from the community; residents who stopped by to wish us well, whom we've never even met before.

We are proud to be residents and business owners of this city and can't think of a better place to invest in.

Dawn and Larry Larson,
Owners, Canton Pool Co. of Wayne.

Retiree urges yes vote

To the editor;

To the Van Buren School District Community:

As you contemplate how you are going to vote on the Sept. 28 bond issue, I hope that you will not be swayed by those who continue to discredit your school system with misinformation and negative propaganda.

The bond issue on Sept. 28 is about providing proper and up-to-date facilities for our children and community that is long

overdue. If you have children at Belleville High School you know the educational limitations of a 78-year-old facility. If you are new to the area and do not have school-aged children yet, think about the kind of educational institution that your child or children will attend. Look at the other communities that surround Belleville; those communities have shown support for their children by building modern schools that incorporate the space and technology that is needed for students to be prepared for a 21st Century job.

As a community, we cannot afford to keep listening to the nay-sayers who provide inaccurate scare tactics. On Sept. 28, keep our children and community in mind as you vote. This is one retiree who will vote 'yes' on Sept. 28.

Joseph A. Monte,
Belleville

Commissioner thanks community

To the editor;

What a great city we live in! Yet another successful Fall Festival held within the boundaries of the City of Plymouth. I want to thank Mark Baldwin and the Fall Festival board for all of their hard work to put on this fabulous event and for giving the Plymouth Youth Advisory Commission (PCYAC) an opportunity to participate in the Fall Festival.

The PCYAC held a "Straw Poll" for the upcoming presidential election; selling buttons that supported each candidate. This fundraiser was no small task and would not have been a success without the help of many. Special thanks go out to Lotus Arts, Menard Builders, Main Street Auto Wash, The Knopf Co., Former Plymouth City Mayor Bill and "Mayoress" Terri Graham, Al Cote Associates, Jasman Construction, Haven of Plymouth, and Descendents' Galeria for their generous financial support. Thank you to the DMS crew who went searching for, found, and set up a tent for the PCYAC booth (not to mention taking it down after the conclusion of Fall Festival). To the hundreds of people who purchased buttons and made donations during the event, your support is truly appreciated. And last but not least, thanks to Phil and Paula Pursell, Dan Dwyer, and my husband, Jim, all of whom took time out of their busy schedules to help out at the booth, and give this weary worker a break or two.

The Fall Festival is truly a testament to the commitment all of us have to one another and the wonderful City of Plymouth.

Michele R. Potter,
Plymouth City Commissioner

Plymouth

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In the park case, an ongoing fund-raising campaign brought in donations from the community. The city received checks as small as \$20 and as large as \$10,000 to complete the work there, provide a neighborhood upgrade and allow residents to have ownership in their community.

With the way that municipal finance is

changing, this may be the only way that minor capital improvement projects will take place. Municipalities throughout the state may have to rely on their revenues merely to maintain services, and may not be able to provide any extras.

Even if that does turn out to be the case, it looks as though officials and residents in Plymouth have little cause to worry. They've already shown a dedication to helping out in projects that are important to them.

It's a good thing to see, and we hope it continues.

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OBITUARIES

TROSIN, Richard Milton

Richard Milton Trosin, 81, of New Baltimore, formerly of Romulus, died Aug. 31.

Among his survivors are his sons, Theron N. Trosin and David D. (Teresa) Trosin, all of Lincoln Park; daughters, Cynthia M. Trosin (Karl Emerick) of New Baltimore, Maryann (Jerry) Orme of Romulus, Ann A. (Roy) Reeck of Taylor, Margaret (Brad) Williams of Lawrenceville, GA and Rose M. Quednau of Trenton; 16 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Trosin retired from the Rouge Plant of the Ford Motor Co. after 30 years of service. He served as a lieutenant with the volunteer fire department from 1960 until 1973 and volunteered with both the St. Aloysius Festival and the Wayne County Fair.

Funeral services were at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Timothy A. Ammon of Hope Baptist Church in Romulus officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

HAMILTON, Robert D.

Robert D. Hamilton, 65, a Van Buren Township resident since 1975, died Sept. 1.

Among his survivors are his wife of 43 years, Sharon Marlene (Chubb) Hamilton; children, Thomas Hamilton of Belleville and Vikki (Robert) Jablonski of Rives Junction, MI, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Hamilton was a member of the Van Buren Eagles Aerie 3996 and served in the U.S. Air Force. He was retired from the General Motors Willow Run plant.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

MASON, Ronals H.

Ronald H. Mason, 66, of Van Buren Township, a lifelong Belleville resident, died Sept. 8.

Among his survivors are his wife of 44 years, Joann (Glinski) Mason; children, Mary Jo (Jeff) Orr of Manitou Beach, MI, Sharon (Robb) Smith of Belleville and Dan (Cheryl) Mason of Belleville; siblings, John (Daisie) Mason of Ypsilanti, Jim (Barb) Mason of Traverse City, Jerry (Naomi) Mason of Higgins Lake and Patti (Jerry) Bies of Belleville, and grandchildren, Stephanie Orr, Bradley Orr, Kelly Orr, Andrew Smoth, Scott Smith, Morgan Smith, Josh Mason and Jacob Mason.

Mr. Mason was a member of the Plymouth Elks, the Masons Lodge 112 in Wayne and the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, and the Kiwanis Club in Wayne.

Funeral services were at St. Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church, where Mr. Mason was a member, with the Rev. D. Lee Cullen officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

PIEKNIK, Stella G.

Stella G. Piernik, 87, of Belleville, died Sept. 3.

Among her urvivors are her children Walter (Sue) Pieknik of Belleville and Thomas (Rebecca) Pieknik of Clarkston; a brother, Henry Traskos of Belleville; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

Mrs. Pieknik was a member of the September Days Senior Citizens.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Mrs. Pieknik was a member and an active volunteer. Father Thomas H.

Cusick was the celebrant.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

CHANDLER, Richard L.

Richard L. Chandler, 73, of Romulus, died Sept. 8.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 54 years, Dorothy Marie (Short) Chandler; children, Jimmie Joe Chandler of Detroit, Carolyn (Gary) Clemmons of Belleville, Linda Chandler of Ypsilanti, Johnny Lee (Linda) Chandler of Belleville and Ann (Sam) Griffith of Warren; brothers, John Thomas (Martha) Chandler and Raybon (Joyce) Chandler, all of Alabama; a sister, Dorothy Terrell, also of Alabama; 19 grrandchildren, and 20 great-grandchil-dren.

Mr. Chandler served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was employed at Ford Motor Co. Ypsilanti plant for 38 years. Mr. Chandler was a member of VFW Post 3016 and the American Legion.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul D. Bostwick officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

DEYO, Ethel M.

Ethel M. Deyo, 77, a lifelong resident of the Belleville area, died Sept. 7.

Among her survivors are her son, Arthur E. (Peggy) Deyo, Sr. of Belleville; siblings, Mary Jo Lane of Tennessee; Bob Lambert of Napoleon, MI, Gene Lambert of Ypsilanti, Robert Lambert of Ludington, Tommy Lambert of Ludington, Billy Lambert of Willis; a grandson, Matthew Alan Deyo, and two great grandchildren, Kimberly Deyo and James Harley Deyo.

Mrs. Deyo was a 30-year employee of the Ford Motor Co. She attended Calvary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti and was a member of the U.A.W.

Funeral services were at Liberty Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim McCoy officiating.

Interment was at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

KESSLER, Ralph V.

Ralph V. Kessler, 46, of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 9.

Among his survivors is his wife of 19 years, Carolyn Ann (Currie) Kessler; his parents, Joseph Edward and Genevieve ‘Jean’ Lois (Webb) Kessler of Belleville; sibblings, Lois Kessler of Florida, Roy (Cathy) Kessler of Belleville, Ruth (Michael) Parmalee of Belleville, Linda Kessler of Belleville and Paul Kessler, also of Belleville, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at St. Stephens Catholic Church in New Boston where Mr. Kessler was a member, with Father Alexander J. Wyrwal as celebrant.

Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

RANDALL, Kathy Jean

Kathy Jean Randall, 54, a lifetime resi-dent of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 13.

Among her survivors are her husband, Brank E. Randall, Jr.; children, Tracy Randall of Cnton Township, Eric (Anna) Randall, Sr. and Chad Randall, both of Belleville; siblings, Sandra Wallman of Palms, MI, Linda (David) Spellich of Livonia, Michael (Jeannie) Krystyniak of Detroit, Chris (Michael) Foster of Huntington, WV, and Theresa Hogan of

Farmington; several nieces and nephews, and a grandson, Erick ‘E.J.’ Michael Randall, Jr.

Mrs. Randall was a 1967 graduate of Belleville High School.

Funeral services were at St. Anthony Catholic Church, where Mrs. Randall was a member, with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

BRIGGS, Alice L.

Alice L. Briggs, 97, a lifelong resident of the Belleville area, died Sept. 10.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Jean Mihalik of Diamondbar, CA.; several nieces and nephews; grandsons, John and James (Priscilla) Mihalik, and great-grandsons, Jeremym Paul and Brandon Mihalik.

Funeral services were at the David C.

Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Raymond Haselhuhn officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

BORDERS, Josephine ‘Mickey’

Josephine ‘Mickey’ Borders, 60, a 40 year resident of Sumpter Township, died Sept. 10.

Among her survivors are her husband of 41 years, Roger Borders; children, Melissa (David) Sedler, Denise (Jim) Borders and Mike Borders, all of Belleville; her parents, Beech and Mabel (Rockwell) Fout; siblings, Debbie West of London, OH and Suzie (Gene) Hayner of Arkansas; several nieces and nephews; eight grandchildren, and a great grand-son.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert J. White officiating.

Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton Township.

CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1. 198

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning certain properties from C-2 (General Business District) to C-3 (Highway Service District)

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone 1.01 + acres on the northwest corner of Hannan Road north of Ecorse Road.
DP# 82-80-026-99-0015-701

Legal Description of Parcel and/or Area Proposed for Rezoning

A parcel of land located in the Northwest 1/4 of fractional Section 7, T3S, R9E, City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said fractional section, as monument ed; thence S88° 43’ 56’’W 3.28 feet to the East Township line of Van Buren Township (T3S, R8E) and the centerline of Hannan Road (120.00 feet wide); thence S00° 07’ 04’’W 214.07 feet along said Township line and said center line; thence N88° 43’ 56’’E 60.01 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence con-tinuing N88° 43’ 56’’E 237.99 feet; thence S 01° 16’04’’E 201.48 feet; thence S88° 43’56’’W 28.83 feet; thence N00° 06’ 30’’W 20.67 feet; S88° 43’ 56’’W 213.21 feet; thence N00° 07’ 04’’W 180.85 feet to the Point of Beginning, con-taining 1.01 acres of land (43,953 sq. ft.), more or less, subject to any ease-ments of record.

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revo-cation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 7th day of September, 2004.

Alan R. Lambert
Mayor

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 7th day of September, 2004.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

Publish: September 23, 2004

Belleville Harvest Festival parade planned for October

The Belleville Harvest Fest parade has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Oct. 16 and will feature antique buggies, farm equipment, floats, costumes, bands and more. The parade will start at Belleville High School, go past Victory Park and end at Fourth Street and Main Street where the events take place. Scheduled activities include: the Farmers Market from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a scavenger hunt from 11-4 p.m., a pie eating contest from 2-3 p.m. and a leaf dig from 3-4 p.m. Ongoing festival activities include: a petting farm, craft show, candle dipping, Indian corn jewelry, corn shelling, wood carving, antique tractors, felt making, dulcimer music, pony cart rides, butter churning, corn husk dolls, stenciling, quilting, lace making, stained glass and face painting. Lunch and dessert will be sponsored by the Central Business Community and the Business and Professional Women and will include homemade soup and chili, smoked sauerkraut, hotdogs, chips, drinks and more.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-376

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 23, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-377

3A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to grant a No-Fee Permit to the V.F.W. Post 1869 for the Annual Patriot's Day, to be held on Friday, September 10th beginning at 11:00 a.m. through Saturday, September 11th 2004, at Wayne Road and Cypress Street, Romulus Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-378

3B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth grant a six month No-Fee Permit to the Americans Today, upon authorization from the Romulus Police Department, to solicit in the City of Romulus from September 8, 2004 through March 8, 2005 in the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova, Prybyla. Motion Carried.

4A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth Nays -None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-379

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 04/002:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.		CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Community Development block Grant				
Expenditures:				
252-2250-722.8542	Historic Rehab 03-24-08	30,000.00	27,000.00	57,000.00
252-2250-722.85-43	Administration 03-24-21A	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	0.00
Revenues:				
252-2250-512.50-10	Federal Grant/Grant Revenue	471,50.00	17,000.00	488,500.00

To reallocate revenues and offsetting expenditures through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for projects approved under the Community Development Block Grants programs that are carry overs from FY03/04.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-380

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, and D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks to award Bid #04/05-06 Two (2) Year Contract - Uniforms, Floor Mats and Laundry Services to the lowest qualified Bidder, Aramark Services.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-381

5C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, and D.P.W. Director Carl Brooks and award Bid 04/05-07 Three (3) Year Cross Connection Program to the lowest qualified Bidder, Hydro Designs, Inc., in the amount of \$23,400 annually.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-382

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Administration and adopt the appropriate resolution for the following retired firefighters:

Lt. Darrell DuFore	25 Years
Captain John Steve Ryznar	18 Years
Firefighter Craig McAughey	14 Years
Sgt. Brian Smith	14 Years
Firefighter Darnell Hearst	12 Years
Sgt. Jerry Hollis	10 Years

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-383

5E1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Administration to proceed with Professional Design Services from Harley Ellis for the new Romulus Senior Center.

Roll Call Vote Sowing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-384

5E2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the City of Romulus previously adopted Resolution 03-163 and by referendum of the population of the City did approve the development of a casino project within the City of Romulus, Michigan; and

Whereas, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians ("GTB") has brought to the City's attention that it might be advantageous to explore developing a casino consistent with the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and consistent with the terms of the 1993 Tribal/State Gaming Compact between the GTB and the State of Michigan.

Be It Further Resolved: That the exploration of the submission of a Land into Trust application by GTB, individually, or accompanying an Inter-Tribal project, is found to be in the best interest of the City of Romulus and is determined to be covered by the provisions of Romulus Resolution 03-163.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the City of Romulus welcomes and supports good faith negotiations with GTB without excluding other favorable options available to the City with respect to the "casino project" referenced in the aforementioned Resolution 03-163.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak- Wadsworth. Nays - Burcroff. Motion Carried.

04-385

6A1. Burcroff, supported by Romak to approve second reading and final approval of Zoning Amendment 1.198, an Amendment to the official zoning map of the City by rezoning 1.01 acres on the northeast corner of Hannan Road, north of Ecorse Road from C-2 (General Business) to C-3 (Highway Service)..

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova. Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-386

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller, to authorize the closing the closing of Goddard Road from the CSX Railroad track to Bibbins Street and closing of Shook from Goddard to Bibbins Streets beginning Friday, September 17, 2004 at 12 o' clock noon until Sunday, September 19, 2004 midnight; in addition closure of Goddard Road on Friday, September 17, 2004 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. from Wayne Road to Five Points for the Parade of Lights, also granting a No-Fee permit to the Pumpkin Festival for all activities during the week-end of the Festival.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoingto be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 7, 2004.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

SPORTS

Wayne Zebras stumble, fall to Canton, 42-6

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The one game that Wayne Memorial Coach Craig Hnatuk would have liked to have won was against Canton last week. But with their top player, Absalom Goode injured, the Zebras couldn't pull it out.

They kept it close in the first half, but an anemic second half left them scrambling in an uphill battle that resulted in a 42-6 loss.

"I really thought we had a chance to beat Canton," Hnatuk said. "Goode was hampered by a sore hamstring that restricted his mobility. He made a few first downs for us that would have been big gains if he were healthy."

Last week Goode was the main offensive weapon for Wayne; he contributed with more than 300 all-purpose

yards in the team's 30-23 victory against Walled Lake Western.

Friday night, Canton jumped on the board first with a three-yard run by Julian Smith. Colin O'Shaughnessy kicked the extra point to put Canton up 7-0. The rest of the quarter remained scoreless.

Smith added another touchdown from 23 yards out in the second. O'Shaughnessy's kick was good to extend the lead 14-0.

Wayne landed on the scoreboard when Blain Simmons broke loose for a 51-yard dash to the end zone. The extra-point attempt failed, which made it 14-6 at the end of the first half.

Canton's defense clamped down to shut out Wayne the rest of the way. Their offense woke up in the second half to score 28 unanswered points.

Sophomore halfback Deshon McClendon punched in a three-yard score to put Canton up, 20-6. O'Shaughnessy made the extra point to make it a 21-6 game. Chuck Schumacher smashed through the line for a one-yard TD run. The score, paired with the extra point, put the Chiefs up, 28-6.

Inside linebacker Jeff Hudson grabbed an interception and returned it 20 yards for a score in the fourth quarter. The defensive touchdown and extra point made it a 35-6 game. Schumacher ended the scoring when he raced 42 yards to pay dirt O'Shaughnessy's kick put the game away, 42-6.

"We thought we were in the ball game. We were, but they just shut us down in the second half," Hnatuk said.

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Mustangs soccer nixes Franklin

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The No.1 state-ranked Northville Mustangs soccer club is still undefeated as they racked up nine points in a shutout against the Livonia Franklin Patriots on Monday night in Northville.

Unfortunately for Franklin, they had to face an aggravated Mustang squad that was coming off of a scoreless tie against Novi on Saturday.

"The kids went out there and proved to me that the Novi game was a fluke," said Northville Coach Henry Klimes. "I feel bad that Franklin had to come play us after Novi."

Northville, who is also ranked No. 1 in Region VI by the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America)/Adidas National Rankings, was led by James Hannah with two goals and two assists. Nick Kaldis contributed big with one goal and two assists. Due to the score, Klimes said he was able to get a lot of younger players in the game. Alex Rickett, Alex Wood and Jon Junca all scored goals. Chris Leonetti recorded an assist, along with Junca. Young players such as Vinny Ciampa and Ryan Cameron also saw significant playing time, according to Klimes.

Senior players that haven't seen much playing time also got thrown into the mix. Brad Lempke, Matt Melonio and junior Enrique Acevedo also scored goals. Drew Wedland contributed with two assists.

The score was 3-0 at half time with goals from Milonio, Hannah and Wood. The second half was broke wide open with a six-goal assault.

"It was nice to get young players some time," Klimes said. "We played great as a team."

Northville 0, Novi 0

The result wasn't what Northville was looking for, but Klimes said the soccer deities were watching over them.

The soccer team traveled to neighboring rival Novi and walked out with a 0-0 tie. The scoreless game ended the Mustangs 10-game win streak but didn't ruin their undefeated record.

Novi was coming off of a loss to South Lyon earlier in the week. "Good teams like Novi don't lose two games in a row. You could tell they didn't want to lose," Klimes said.

"We could have easily lost that game," he added. "I think the soccer gods were shining down on us."

Although they didn't lose the game they did suffer losses on a different level. Mike Cornelius, one of Northville's top scorers, left the game with an injured foot along with Brandon Barkowski also sustained an injury in the game.



Northville's Ryan Cameron received some playing time in the Mustangs' 9-0 victory against the Franklin Patriots on Monday night. Northville 12-0-1 overall and is ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 1 in Region VI by the NSCAA/Adidas National Rankings.

The No. 1 ranked Northville Mustangs are undefeated so far this season but it hasn't been without a challenge. They faced some heavy hitters in recent weeks, which included a rematch with last year's nemesis Saline and the No. 4 state-ranked Stevenson. Here's a quick rundown of the recent games that helped make the Mustangs 12-0-1:

Northville 3, Western 0

Walled Lake Western isn't considered a heavy hitter so don't let the score deceive. Klimes let his younger players hit the field in this one. It paid off for junior Justin Lockwood, sophomore Alex Wood and junior Michael Chang, who all scored a goal in the 3-0 victory.

Northville 3, Stevenson 1

Hannah scored a natural hat trick in this match up against the No.4 ranked Stevenson Spartans. Northville dominated in the first where Hannah scored two of his goals to put his team up, 2-0. Stevenson came out strong early in the second and cut into the lead, 2-1. With less than five minutes left Hannah, from Kelleher, buried his third goal to secure the 3-1 victory for Northville. Besk recorded the win from net.

Northville 3, Saline 1

After Northville lost to Saline twice last year including once in the regional tournament the rematch last Saturday proved to be a different story, though. The Mustangs battled their way to a 3-1 victory. Hannah scored twice in the victory while Cornelius added one. Besk earned the victory from between the posts.

Northville 5, Churchill 1

Cornelius led the team with a goal and three assists. Enrique Acevedo had an excellent game with a goal and two assists. James Hannah, Nick Kaldis and Wood each scored a goal in the victory. Besk earned the win in net.

Northville 4, Northern 0

Besk earned his fifth shutout of the season against Walled Lake Northern last Thursday. Hannah and Acevedo each scored in the first half to make it 2-0 game. Cornelius and Kaldis each added a goal in the second half to put the game away, 4-0.

Looking forward

The 'Stangs still have some tough opponents to play before the regular season ends. They will host he Canton Chiefs on Monday and Plymouth on Wednesday. Then, they will travel to Salem on Monday, Oct. 4 before they finish the season at home against Walled Lake Central on Oct. 6.

Lady Eagles struggle, lose to Monroe, 78-70

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles' five-game win streak came to a halt when the Monroe Trojans came to town last Thursday. Monroe clipped the Eagles' wings, 78-70.

It was the Eagles' first home game in two weeks. They started out sluggish and couldn't catch up after a 23-13 first quarter deficit. Monroe outscored them again in the second frame of play, 22-21, to extend their half-time advantage to 45-34. Monroe dominated the third quarter and made it a 14-point game, 45-34. Romulus rallied in the final quarter of play and outscored the Trojans 21-15 but it was too little, too late.

Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry said she was disappointed with the outcome but hopes that this will be a wake up call for the team.

"Monroe is an excellent team," she said. "They're the best team we've played so far."

"To lose with an experienced team is disappointing from a coaching standpoint. It was an eye-opener, but we'll get it together. Hopefully this will be a turn for the better. We just have to keep working to play as a team and not as individuals."

She also said that she would rather have a loss now when it doesn't count. The wins and losses won't matter until the Eagles start conference play tonight. Romulus takes on Truman in Taylor.

There were a few bright spots in the performance against Monroe. Senior guard Janiece Armstrong led the offense with 28 points, which included six three-pointers.

"She really stepped up for us," Henry said. "If it wasn't for her I'm not sure what the final score would have been. She showed a lot of leadership."

Senior forward Ashley Sibby finished the night with 13 points, five assists and two blocks. Junior forward Landria

Buckley scored 11 points and Paris Hawkins, senior point guard, added eight points and 10 assists.

The team had 19 turnovers in the game, caused mostly by unnecessary and forced passes, Henry said. She said she feels these are things that are fixable as the team readies for conference play. Romulus does, however, only have one game in each of the next two weeks. Henry doesn't think that will be a problem either.

"Hopefully it will help get us back on track and gets us refocused on what we want to accomplish," she said.

Romulus had a better game against the struggling Wayne Zebras earlier in the week. Their offense led the entire way and came out with a 59-32 victory. The Lady Eagle defense held Wayne to only 11 points in the first half.

Romulus went into half time with a 26-11 lead and came out in the third to score 22 points. The rally gave them a 27-point lead to start the final round of play. In the end they secured the 59-32 victory with 11 points in the fourth.

Hawkins led the team with 15 points and seven steals. Sibby added 11 and grabbed seven rebounds while Candace Lawrence came off the bench to knock down 10 points.

Although the Eagles easily moved past the Zebras, Henry said she saw the first signs of the problems that led to the loss against Monroe. The team recorded 26 turnovers.

"I don't think we were sharp," she said. "We didn't come out with a lot of intensity. As the game went on it got better but I could see that we might be in trouble for Thursday's game."

"Everybody on the bench had a chance to play. We just weren't sharp."

Romulus will head to Truman tonight to start conference play and host Woodhaven next Thursday.

Mustangs trounce Franklin, ready for Canton

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The undefeated Northville Mustangs might have been looking ahead to this week's match up against fellow undefeated team Canton, but they pulled out a 27-13 victory against Franklin last week.

The 'Stangs were on the road again against the Patriots, their third away contest in four games, and they put together four solid quarters to stay undefeated.

The Road Warriors - um, Mustangs, rather - started out slow at Franklin but they took a 6-0 first-half lead with two 27-yard field goals from Evan Corbeil.

"I think the kids were looking forward to the Canton game this week," said Northville Coach

Clint Alexander. "It's not hard with everyone talking so much about it.

"I don't want to take anything away from Franklin," he added. "They came ready to play and had a good plan."

Northville played better in the second half and scored three touchdowns to seal the deal.

Quarterback Charlie Thomas extended their lead, 12-0, with a one-yard jaunt to the end zone. Corbeil's kick was good to make it 13-0. Franklin got on the board in the third quarter with a touchdown, but the extra point attempt was no good. They still cut into Northville's lead, 13-6.

Then Mac Stilec, Northville's leading rusher, broke loose for a 55-yard TD in the fourth quarter to put the 'Stangs up 20-6. He

added another score later in the final quarter to extend their lead to 27-6. Franklin managed to score again at the end of the game to make it 27-13. But Northville held on to secure the win.

Alexander said the score made the game appear closer than it was. Thomas threw two interceptions in the end zone, which could have easily added 14 more points, he said. He was 6-for-16 for 42 yards but had nine rushes for 125 yards and a score. Ritchie Nejmin, Mike Jameson, JP Pitcher and Steve Clark were on the receiving end of the Thomas' passes.

Northville earned a total of 379 yards rushing on 39 attempts. Stilec led the ground attack with 198 yards on 23 carries. Cody

Sivic added 43 yards on six carries.

The defense played well and intercepted three passes. Dave Bandy nabbed two and Osama El-Sadi grabbed the other. Joe Prain had a solid day with a sack and two tackles for a loss of yards, according to Alexander.

"We played well and found a way to win," he said. "We did some things real well."

Tomorrow the Road Warriors will head to Thunderdome, or Canton, as it's more commonly known, for what will be their fourth road game in five weeks.

"Canton's a great team," he said. "We have to make sure that we play our game. We have to go in there like Rocky - keep swinging and hope for something good things to happen."

Canton hoopsters fall to Marian, 49-40

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs lost their second straight game on the hardwood last week. They fought hard but were overcome by the pressure of Marian High School and fell, 49-40.

It was a close game through three quarters of play but Marian was able to outscore the Chiefs 13-5 in the fourth, which allowed them to pull away for the victory.

"We were in it until the final three minutes," said Canton Coach Bob Blohm. "We had to take some fouls and (Marian) made some free throws."

Canton jumped to a 15-12 first-quarter lead but slowed down in the second. Marian outscored them 11-8 in the sec-

ond to knot the game at 23 at the end the first half.

The key to the game was defense, according to Blohm. He said Marian adjusted their defense from man coverage to zone coverage after half, time which caused a momentum swing in Marian's favor.

Marian edged by Canton in the third frame of play and took a one-point lead, 36-35. They wore down Canton toward the end of the fourth, Blohm said, and Marian held them to just five points in the final eight minutes.

"Marian is a good team, very competitive," Blohm said. "When they switched from man to zone coverage is what did it. They held (Katie) Cezat to just five points in the second half, which didn't help."

Despite the second-half drought, Cezat recorded a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Molly Conlon followed with nine points. Leslie Olech added six and Kelsey Zemanski contributed with five points.

"We were right there for 30 minutes, basically," Blohm said. "We couldn't make plays when we needed to."

Canton had another tough loss when they faced a different fierce competitor in Flint Northern, the previous week. Canton lost 54-45 in that game.


"In spots we played well but Flint is a quick, athletic team," Blohm said. "They

forced a lot of turnovers and got a lot of transition points."

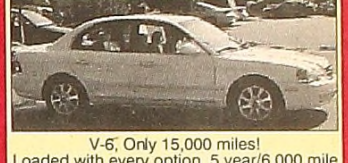
The Chiefs are 2-3 in non-league play. They met Ann Arbor Pioneer on Tuesday, but the results of the final non-league game were unavailable at press time. They start league play tonight when they host Walled Lake Western in a divisional match up.

"We want to get off to a good start on Thursday in the division and see if we can be competitive in the conference," Blohm said.

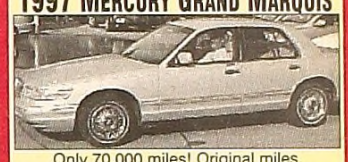
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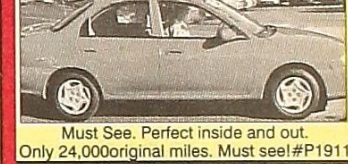
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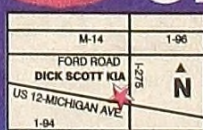
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Ground attack earns Romulus first victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

How sweet it is.

The Romulus Eagles earned their first victory on the gridiron when the Garden City Cougars visited last week. The Eagles charged to a 28-13 victory.

Romulus shut out Garden City in the first half, 13-0, and racked up more than 250 yards, with 228 of them on the ground. Freshman tailback Mario Crawford helped to bolster that number when he broke loose for a 60-yard run in the first quarter. The jaunt set up a one-yard touchdown dive by quarterback John Sandefur. The extra-point attempt by Anthony Price failed but Romulus took a 6-0 lead to the end the first half.

The defense came through in the second quarter of play and caused a fumble that the Eagles recovered. With 11:10 left in the half, Crawford crossed the goal line for the team's second TD. This time Price's kick was good to extend Romulus' lead to 13-0.

Garden City crept back into the game when they scored a touchdown with 7:13 left in the third quarter.

"We saw the light at the end of the tunnel against Southgate last week. I felt as long as we could protect the ball we would be all right, and we were able to do that."

Romulus Coach Wade Cook

The extra point failed and made it a 13-6 game. Romulus got their running game back in gear when James Kendricks raced to the end zone from 47 yards out. Sandefur completed a strike to Terrance McKay for the two-point conversion that extended the Eagles' lead, 21-6.

With 1:06 left in the third frame, Romulus' Diddier Mami intercepted a pass, which set up Kendricks' second score of the night. He punched it in from five yards out; Price's kick was good and Romulus took a 22-point lead, 28-6.

Garden City opened the fourth quarter with their sec-

ond score and an extra point to cut into Romulus' lead, 28-13.

The defense came through again on Garden City's final drive of the game. The Cougars marched down the field to Romulus' one-yard line. but the stalwart defense denied Garden City any points.

The defense was solid all the way through, said Romulus Coach Wade Cook, but the offense was the star of the game. They battled for more than 384 total yards. Kendricks led the assault with 174 yards on 19 carries and Crawford added 118 yards on 10 attempts. Sandefur was perfect in the air. He was 4-for-4 for 49 yards passing.

The offense didn't turn the ball over at all, which had been a huge problem this season. The Eagles averaged four fumbles in the first three games, according to Cook.

"I'm absolutely pleased with the turn around," he said. "We played pretty good ball. We saw the light at the end of the tunnel against Southgate last week. I felt as long as we could protect the ball we would be all right, and we were able to do that."

The 1-3 Eagles head to Dearborn Heights Crestwood tomorrow in hopes to build on their first victory.

Football

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Wayne's defense showed flashes of brilliance in the first half by holding Canton to 14 points. Wayne held Canton in the red zone twice with no score and Terrell Ford made an interception for a 35-yard return.

Canton's 408 yards of offense were too much for them to handle, though. The Chief's ground attack contributed 382 yards of the offense. Schumacher gained 134 yards on 17 carries and Smith

Wayne will host the versatile Plymouth High School tomorrow night.

earned 116 on 12 attempts, according to Canton Coach Tim Baechler.

Junior quarterback Shawn Little was 2-for-7 for 26 yards and one interception. Canton had 38 offensive plays to Wayne's 12 in the first half, according to Baechler. They doubled the

amount of plays Wayne had by the end of the game, 65-32.

Canton remained undefeated in good part because of their defense, which has only given up two touchdowns in four weeks. Hudson, Jake Powers and P.J. Caram all had great defensive games against Wayne, Baechler said.

The defense will be put to the test when they face the wide-open offense of the undefeated Northville Mustangs tomorrow night at home.

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Whalers lose finale warm-up

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

A 1-3-1-preseason record isn't the way the Plymouth Whalers intended to start the regular season, but it will have to do.

They finished the preseason with a 5-2 loss to interstate rivals Saginaw on Saturday.

The Spirit received two goals each from Jean-Michel Rizk and Patrick Asselin in the victory. Chris Bain scored the other goal for the Spirits. His goal at 18:52 in the first period put Saginaw up 3-1.

Mike Knight and John Vigilante each scored a goal for the Whalers. Ryan Nie recorded the loss in net for Plymouth. He stopped 22 of 27 shots. Saginaw's goaltender Aaron Rock was solid; he stopped 29 of 31 shots to secure the win.

The Plymouth Whalers took time out of their busy preseason schedule to donate time and energy to help landscape a local school, last Sunday.

Every Whaler player and much of the staff, including Mike Vellucci, Whalers president, general manager and head coach, donated time to help a group of dedicated PTA members landscape Winchester Elementary School in Northville. The job, which may have taken several days to complete without the many hands of the Whalers, took four-and-a-half-hours to complete.

"We believe our players have to work to become good citizens in the community, not just good hockey players," said Vellucci who led the effort. "We're happy to donate our time and energy to this project."

Highland Landscaping and Snowplow donated the heavy equipment needed to complete the project.

Hopefully the Whalers will put forth the same work ethic when they open the regular season Friday on the road against Sarnia. Plymouth will get another chance at the Spirit in their home opener on Saturday.

Sports Events

John Glenn wins tri-meet

John Glenn Boy's golf team edged out Wayne Memorial and Livonia Franklin in a tri match last Wednesday at Fellows Creek West. The Rockets shot a 168 opposed to the Patriots and Zebras who tied with a 169, according to Glenn Head Coach Steve Pilon. The overall medallist was Glenn's Mike Galunas with a 38. He edged out Wayne's Justin Ables who shot a 39 for the win. The Rockets will host Livonia Stevenson tomorrow while Wayne heads to Salem.

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WORLD of TOMORROW?

Sky Captain pays homage to films of the past

What do you get when you cross femme-fatal noir, a pulp sci-fi comic book, *Buck Rogers* and *The Land Before Time*? You get Hollywood's latest digitally groundbreaking attempt at a summer blockbuster, *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*.

Summer blockbuster?

Technically, summer's not over until Sept. 21 but realistically *Sky Captain* is nothing but a mere attempt at a blockbuster. The post-World War noir overtones are strong – a bold move for today. It's risky because the American film noir era, which followed World War II and borrowed from the German expressionists of the 1920s and stylistic French filmmakers of the 30s, was considered a failure by some critics due to its dark nature and non-Hollywood endings. But somehow director Kerry Conran makes it palatable for today's audiences.

Part of this is due to the innovative special effects used. The entire film was shot in front of a blue screen – every background and

location is digitally mastered, which left cast members such as Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow, Angelina Jolie and Giovanni Ribisi with only each other to make each scene believable. The star-studded lineup does a great job pretending that they are about to get squashed by giant robots and flying amphibious planes through exploding Zeppelins.

The special effects are spectacular but it's the style used by Conran that makes the film special. *Sky Captain's* ambiance is more like a washed-out comic strip brought to life by top digital effects or like someone hand-painted each frame in faded watercolors, which gives the film a very 1930s feel.



Although the film takes place in 1938, the story, technology, gadgetry and weapons involved go beyond even today's imagination.

The world's leading scientists have mysteriously disappeared and the top reporter for The Chronicle newspaper, Polly Perkins (Paltrow), is hot on the story. While investigating a tip, Perkins finds herself nearly trampled by a host of giant robots. But ex-beau Joe, a.k.a. Sky Captain (Law), flies to her rescue. Together, they risk their lives as they travel to exotic locations around the world in an attempt to stop the evil Dr. Totenkopf, the master-mind behind a plot to create an ark, a world of tomorrow and to destroy the planet.

Aided by Commander Francesca 'Franky'

Cook (Jolie), leader of an all-female amphibious squadron, along with technical genius and inventor Dex (Ribisi), the fearless duo must overcome the robotic world Totenkopf created and the mysterious woman (Bai Ling) who leaves a path of destruction in her wake.

It's fair to say that Paltrow was the perfect actress to play the role of Perkins. The banter between her and Law during the non-action scenes moves the film along nicely.

Although it is much more advanced, *Sky Captain's* storyline and feel is very reminiscent of Fritz Lang's critically acclaimed 1920 silent masterpiece *Metropolis*. The comparisons are similar but it is nice to see something old made new in this instance.

Sky Captain may not be for everyone but it should be seen for its technical merits alone.

Is it a summer blockbuster?

That still remains to be seen. Unfortunately, only box office dollar signs can determine that.

THE SCENE

Haunted Theatre to reopen for Halloween

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Haunted Theater in Wayne will soon re-open for business.

Members of the Wayne Theatre Corp. have returned to the popular concept in hopes of generating funds to pay for the renovation of the Historic Wayne Theater, located on Michigan Avenue just east of Wayne Road in Wayne.

"It's a haunted house and a tour of the theater rolled up into one," said Chad Shenkel, president of the Wayne Theatre Corp.

The Haunted Theatre will be open on weekends during October, from 7-11 p.m. on Sundays and from 7 p.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Members of the Wayne Theater Corp. had sponsored the haunted house for more than a decade, beginning in 1987, but had stopped in 2000, according to Matt Wilkinson, vice-president of the Wayne Theater Corp.

He said the group has sponsored several fundraisers since then to generate funds for and awareness of the ambitious project, but none of them have been as successful as the Haunted Theatre. Bringing in money is only part of the goal behind the haunted theatre, though.

"The biggest thing we want to do is show everyone the theater,"

he said.

He and other members of the Wayne Theatre Corp. have been steadily at work inside the theater, with the hopes of one day returning it to its former glory.

Constructed in 1926 and opened in 1927, the theater was once the jewel of Wayne County, according to Wilkinson. It closed for good in 1953 and was converted to a music store. The seats were removed and auditorium

It's a haunted house and a tour of the theater rolled up into one.

Chad Shenkel

was portioned off into music and dance rehearsal rooms. It stayed that way until 1985, when a fire destroyed the storefronts lining Michigan Avenue. The Wayne Theater Corp. formed in 1987 with the goal of restoring the structure.

Most of the work inside has been completed within the past few years. The sub-floor has been removed; the stage is once again an indoor focal point. People

familiar with the haunted theatre of old may not recognize the inside now.

"People would go through back then and not even know it was a theater," Wilkinson said.

Now, as attendees file out, they'll be able to see the stage, pictures of the work that has been done, and some of the intricate detail that made the theater a popular attraction in its day.

Before attendees make it that far, though, they'll have to work their way through several rooms and cramped, twisting hallways designed to disorient and scare them. They'll find a morgue, a 'mask room,' an electric chair and several more frights.

"We've been at this for a long time," said Wilkinson, who first worked in the haunted house in 1990, "but through the years we always try new things."

The actors at night may not be the only spooks on hand, either. Professional paranormal investigators have confirmed that the theater is in fact, haunted. It's something with which Wilkinson said he has a personal experience. One day, while he worked alone in the theater, painting the projection booth he saw an old man looking at him. He did a double take but the man, who had gray hair and wore a flannel shirt, was gone.

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Police prepare for crowds

Wayne Police Chief Mike Sumeracki said he and his department would be ready for the additional crowds, once the Haunted Theatre opens up at the old Historic Wayne Theatre on Michigan Avenue.

The theater, located just west of Wayne Road near Club Xtreme, will bring even more people to an area that has been crowded with young people since the club opened.

"We're just going to do our job the best we can," Sumeracki said.

He said he had concerns about the haunted theatre concept, merely because it could exacerbate an already bad situation with public parking nearby. He said he had had complaints from residents in the nearby Wayne Towers and Newberry Square Apartments that all of the parking spaces had been taken up by people attending the club, leaving none for visiting family members.

"Now we're allowing more people to come into the area," he said. "It might be tight in an emergency situation."

He said he also had some concerns that the people who attend the haunted theater and those that patronize the Club Xtreme might not be the type to mix too well, socially.

He said he didn't anticipate too much activity from the theater, itself, though. When the members of the Wayne Theater Corp. put it on in the past, he said there hadn't been any major difficulties with policing the area.

"There were crowds of people and maybe an occasional fight, but nothing too serious," Sumeracki said.

Complaints from the club have also slowed down, he said, as the owners of it have taken a tighter grip on their operation and many of the young people who attended it have returned to school.

"We'll be able to handle the situation," Sumeracki said.

Matt Wilkinson, vice-president of the Wayne Theater Group, said he wanted to make sure everything went smoothly, as well. Those who entered the haunted house would line up outside the lobby, in a fenced off area that once contained store fronts but now hosts mostly grass. Inside, patrons will never be further than 30 feet from an emergency exit.

"We want everyone to be safe," he said.



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Theatre

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"I packed up my paints and left after that," Wilkinson said. "It freaked me out.

"I've always had the feeling that someone has been watching me when I've been in there."

There is plenty to do at the theater, and a list of improvements is detailed on the web site, www.historicwaynetheatre.com. There are also suggestions of how to get involved in the effort to restore the old palace.

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Wilkinson said he hoped the Haunted Theatre would bring in enough money to pay for some of the large ticket items.

"We're hoping to bring in enough money to pay for a new fire suppression system," he said. "That's the most important thing

right now."

They're also looking for volunteers to help out during the haunted house, itself. Anyone interested should go to the theater at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26.

"We really need actors," Wilkinson said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 285, as amended (The Municipal Planning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus City Council will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2004 for the purpose of considering adoption of an ordinance approving the Amended and Restated Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the City of Romulus. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

All are encouraged to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the plan. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, September 27, 2004, and should be addressed to Tim Keyes, Community Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485; (734) 942-7545.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

Publish: September 23, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON SCHEDULING
REGULAR ELECTION

The Board of Education of the Romulus Community Schools will hold a public hearing on the issue of whether to schedule the school district's regular election for the office of school board member at other than the odd year general election.

The hearing will be held on Monday, September 27, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. at 36540 Grant.

The Board of Education is proposing to select the annual May regular election date as the date to hold the school district's regular election. If the May election date is approved by the Board of Education, the school district's regular election will be held annually on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May.

If the proposed resolution on the May election date is not approved, the school district's regular election will be held at the odd year general election in November.

Any person with a disability who needs accommodation for participation in this hearing should contact Mrs. Carole Bales at (734) 532-1610.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE
CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws" that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will upon any day except Sunday, a legal holiday and the day of any regular or special election, receive application for registration from any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the day of the CLOSE of registration for the General Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State Branch Office, or in the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered on the registration list.

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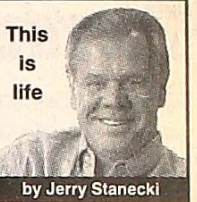
- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must be 18 years of age on or before November 2, 2004.
- Must be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days and a resident of the City of Romulus.

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653a of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda Choate
City Clerk

Publish: September 23, 2004

Hey, don't you know who I think I am?



Sound the alarm. It appears there's an old boring and pompous (defined as having an excessive sense of self-importance, usually displayed through exaggerated seriousness or stateliness in speech or manner) epidemic starting to spread around Motown these days. It's the "Aren't I the greatest thing since mashed potatoes," syndrome.

The two latest victims infected by the inflated ego attack: (name withheld to help promote the cure) the civilian director of Detroit's police commission, and (ditto above), Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's chief of staff.

Oops, I know, I should have put the chief of staff first, because she can probably fire the director if he rubs her the wrong way.

According to reports, the director overheated when his twin brother got into a fender bender and called him. The director allegedly said, "Don't you know who I am?" and demanded officers write a report at the scene after police officers told the two drivers to make a report at the precinct. That's standard operating procedure in minor accidents, which makes sense. That way the cops can chase crooks.

Recently, Mayor K's chief of staff was stopped for speeding. Officers said she denied speeding, flashed a badge and

allegedly made the following pronouncement: "Don't you know who the f--- I am?"

Yep, it sure looks like the making of an epidemic of inflated ego out of control syndrome, or, as some would say, that's: idiot ego out of control syndrome.

I dare say there's not one of us—me included—that has not suffered from spurts of egomania—defined as, "a dangerously obsessive preoccupation with self." And, a lot of us have experienced the accompanying symptom—an inferiority complex.

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1FTCR14T1JPA13975
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1VMFB9168JV026200
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1FABP64W3HH195729

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1B4GH4437NX137208

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1996 Geo Metro 2 Door
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1P3BM18C2HD677234
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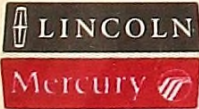
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